

TROT OR GALLOP?

What Do Fish Do, and the Seals and Insects and Worms?

Here is a problem for people with sharp eyes: As we all know, a horse when walking or trotting advances only one leg of each pair at a time, but when galloping lifts both fore feet together and then both hind feet. Now, the question is how other animals manage this matter. The birds, of course, flap both wings together, but which birds run and which hop? We human beings "trot" when we walk and "gallop" when we swim—that is, if we are using the plain breast stroke. The dog, however, "trotts" for both. Now, do the amphibious animals—the seals, otters and the rest—swim like men or like other four footed creatures?

Then there are the fish. One would rather expect that, as they move their tails from side to side, they would flap alternately with the fins, which are their hands and feet. Who can tell whether they do or not and whether all fish at all times follow one rule? By the way, how does a frog use its "hands"?

The great anatomist E. Ray Lankester has pointed out that, while the "thousand legs," such as our common gally worm, advance two feet of a pair together, the centipeds, which are much like them, do exactly the opposite, and the swimming worms also alternate the stroke of each pair of paddles. I doubt if many people can tell on which system the caterpillar manages its dozen or so legs or whether the adult insect walks, trots, paces or gallops on its six. How does the spider use eight?

Altogether this is a large field for observation, a field, too, where any one may discover new facts as yet unrecorded, and thus add to the store of knowledge.—St. Nicholas.

CORRECT ATTIRE.

He Who Dresses In Good Taste Shows That He Respects Himself.

When our country was in the log cabin stage of its growth correct dress was not held in high regard, and obviously so. The stout hearted pioneers were too busy hewing paths and blazing trails to cultivate life's finer side. There was the rough work of field and camp, of hammer and saw. But times, men and manners have changed, and a new conception of dress has sprung up. Young men especially recognize the direct relation of correct dress in business and social preference. The well dressed man carries his introduction with him—he is master of himself and of the situation. He commands the respect of others because he shows that he respects himself.

It is true that there are some men of wealth and position who slur their clothes and even some who feign to scorn the niceties of dress. The habits of a careless youth have left their imprint on such men, and it is quite certain that their disdain of dress played no part in their success and detracts measurably from their enjoyment of it, for, after all, the ripest fruit of success is the esteem of one's fellows, and who can esteem the sloven? In talking to a man one's attention naturally roves to his clothes, his hair, his teeth and his finger nails. Dandruff on the shoulder, stains on the waistcoat and unshaven face, untidy hair, creases in the coat, a soiled collar, a crumpled cravat, proclaim in trumpet tones that a man lacks the truest refinement—respect of self.—Success.

Making It Easy For Him.

"The most difficult part of a pastor's duty," said a New York preacher, "is the pastoral calls. I have always remembered one of the first I ever made, when I was a green youth just out of a theological seminary. I had been called to the bedside of a member of my church who was well known for his peculiarities and crankiness. After talking with him a few minutes I said: 'Shall I offer a short prayer with you?'"

"Short or long. Use your own judgment," said he.

"More and more embarrassed, I hesitated, and then said, 'What shall I pray for?'"

"Exercise your own discretion as to selection of topics," said he."

A Preliminary.

The minister's wife engaged a new servant. The girl was very friendly with a constable, and one day she invited him to come round to see her. When he came it was washing day. She went and fetched him some beer, biscuits and cheese, but just then a voice called out. "Mary, have you got started to wash yet?"

"Yes," said Mary.

"What are you doing now?"

"Oh, I am just filling up the copper."—London Telegraph.

His Debts.

"Well, my friend, I never pay my old debts. I forget them."

"And your new ones?"

"Oh, I let them get old."

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When eight years of age he was presented by the Duke of Buckingham to Queen Henrietta in a cold pie. He afterward became attached to the court of Charles I. At one of the court masks the king's porter, a man of gigantic size, who used to torment the little dwarf, pulled from one pocket a loaf of bread and from the other Jeffrey, much to the surprise and amusement of the company present. Jeffrey was at this time only eighteen inches in height.

He remained at this stature until he was thirty years of age, after which a curious exception to the laws of growth took place, since Jeffrey rapidly grew to be three feet nine inches in height, whereas most men do not grow a quarter of an inch after the age of thirty. This dwarf had an enormous head and very large hands and feet; otherwise his proportions were symmetrical, and his face was considered handsome.—Youth's Companion.

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